LOSSES OF BRITISH SAID TO BE 100 TO 1

Victory Reported by Boers-English Correspondents Confirm It-British Loss, 1,400; Boers 14-Other War News.

[Early Dispatches.] London, April 11.-The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay;

"It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded, and 800 taken prisoners. "Lord Roberts is declared to be find-ing great difficulty owing to the scar-city of water."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from dated Sunday, says: "Yesdefeat on the British within a week at Merkatsfontein, killing and wounding ens, losing five Boers killed and nine

CAUSES GREAT ANXIETY.

But that the war office has issued no But that the war once has issued ho sews from Lord Roberts during the last three days, there would be little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of another British disas-The unexpected rallying of the State commandos, however, Free State commandos, however, leaves the public in a nervous condi-

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Mooper River

Border"

Wastentons

Kimberley

Monday did not mention any further Boer victory. On the contrary, they

falled promptly to report mischances as well as successes, or to allow the

newspaper correspondents to report them, until some confirmation is re-

an exaggerated acount of the Redders

burg affair. At the same time Boer reports have so often proved correct

that the greatest anxiety will be felt.

THIS IS NO MIX.

8th via Lourenzo Marques, says: "Th British casualties in the fight at De

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated April

sdorp were 100 killed and wounded

The Transvaul volksrand has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on May 10th."

ing dated April 10th, from Lourenzo Marques: "The Netherland railway professes to have received a telegram

reporting a Boer victory near Kroon stad, the Boers capturing 900 British.

Mail remarks: "There is a Merkats-fontein about five and a half miles southeast of Kroonstad, but if the re-

port be true, this can hardly be the

LOOKING FOR AN OPENING.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, says: The enemy is making a desperate at-

tempt to discover a strategic opening.
Their number is unknown to us, but are anywhere between three and six thousand. They are moving cautiously.

Remounts are arriving, but the Ar-gentine animals are little liked by the

TWENTY MILES FROM MAFERING.

companied by food supplies. The opin-ion provalls here that young Cronje has returned to the ranks of the invest-ing Bosses.

ing Boers and is trying to avenge Paardéberg."

METHUEN ADVANCING. Boer reports seem to indicate that

Methuca is advancing from Bos-toward Hoopstad. It is a bold and arently a dangerous move, since,

ogh it turns the right flank of the position at Brandfort, it puts Meituen's force between what-garrion there may be at Blooming the state of the st

the Transvanl, and the Brand-

or peace commissioners at

not conceal the fact that a no hope of obtaining peace with intependence for the republics,

The Daily Mail has the following

m Lady Sarah Wilson, dated Mafe-g March 20th: "Col. Plumer's col-n is now within twenty miles of us,

Dutch rising."

Among the valuable documents discovered, belonging to Messrs. Steyn and Fischer, is some correspondence proving that the fall of Ladysmith was to be the signal for a general Dutch belong.

nmenting upon this, the Daily Temarks: "There is a Merkats-

my Mail publishes the follow-

Roberts has hitherto never

there is justification for regard-

but they will endeavor to save their amour propro or to secure a truce for further negotiations. Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front

TROOPS LEAVING BULLER.

The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Tuesday, says: Large numbers of troops are coming lown for shipment to Cape Colony, wo regiments have already sailed, n. Hart is also going to the Cape. The Durban correspondent of the Dally Telegraph, telegraphing Tuesday, April 10th, says: "Our nayal guns have commenced bombarding the Boer postlons between Sunday's river and Big-

5,000 HORSES A MONTH.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The water supply continues satisfactory. In-trenching is proceeding vigorously on the hills commanding Bloemfontein. Civilian labor is to be utilized. Sick-

oopstad.

's Brandford

OR ANGE KAAL KASSIT RIV. Works

MAP SHOWING SCENE OF WAR AROUND BLOEMFONTEIN.

The map shows the district in which four battles have been fought the past week. First, that at the Bloem-

fontein waterworks, where the British loss was 450 men, 7 guns and the baggage train; Boer loss less than 100, not

definitely known. Second, at Boshof, Boer loss 66 men, including Gen. Marcuil; British loss 15. Third, at Dewetsdorp, British loss 596 men; Boer loss not given. Fourth, at Meerkatsfontein, British loss given at 1,400 and 1,500;

Boer loss 14. The approximate losses of the respective sides in the four fights is, British 2,500 men and 7 guns; Boers

200 men. The precise location of the first three battles is given by name on the map. The fourth, at Meerkatsfontein, is a few miles southeast of Brandfort and northeast of Glen Siding, to which point a large British force ad-

Vanced about the 1st of April. Up to this (Wednesday) morning, Lord Roberts had not officially reported this latest

defeat, but the accounts, coming from English correspondents with the Boers, are received as approximately correct.

Dispatches from Pretoria as late as ; ties estimate that the wastage of ; leading in some instances, every man

horses monthly by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not

Lourenzo Marques, telegraphing Mon-day, says: "Turstworthy refugees assert that the Boers recently obtained

least thirty pieces of artillery, som

of large caliber, which were brought overland as machinery from a west African port. Eight of these guns were dispatched to the Free State a week ago. The Boer officials openly boast

munition through Portuguese terri-

State Engineer Munnik admitted under pressure that, acting under instruc-tions from State Secretary Reitz of the

Transvaal, he had bored holes in twen-ty-five mines."

BOERS SECURE THEIR CONVOY

A dispatch to the Morning Post from

Bloemfontein, dated April 9th, gives a description by F. R. Burnham, the American scout with Gen, Roberts, of

"Owing to a report that the British had occupied Brandfort and were mov-

ing to Winburg, the course of the convoy was altered, and the Boers pushed forward with increased speed

toward Winburg. They expected cavalry pursuit every hour, and the con-

care, the road being taken between ceded.

the Boer trek from Korn Spruit.

Burnham says:

in the course of the Dempsey trial,

The correspondent of the Tim-

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ODELITATION (9)



MUNYON'S INHALER

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kopics held and evacuated in successlon by rear guards.

"The trek proceeded throughout Sunday, and on Monday morning the convoy was ten miles from Winburg."

Mr. Burnham, explaining the Boer methods of obtaining the range for rifle fire, says: "One man fired successive shots and watched the dust raised by the bullets until accuracy was obtained, and he then communicated the range to his comrades."

CAREFUL INSTRUCTIONS BY BOER

COMMANDERS. Mr. Burnham also mentions the way which work intrusted to men with fired horses was immediately taken up by others with fresh animals if occasion offered, the new-comers being given instructions and the range of the men whose places they took. He was also struck by the "extraordinary fullness of the instructions given by the commanders to the men before any movement was begun." Mr. Burnham also mentions the way

These included information as to the route to be followed, the intention of ness among the troops is somewhat di-minishing." the movement and the different rendez-yous in case either of victory or de-Renounts are continually arriving at feat. Another thing that impressed Bloemfontein, but competent authori- him greatly was "the total absence of

Kroonstad

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Winburg

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having received instructions and carry-ing them out independently and as

BRITISH HOLD ALIWAL NORTH.

Aliwal North, April 11.-The British

day was eleven killed and forty-one

Friend of Lincoln Dead.

New York, April 11.-Eliphal Wood,

who was a trusted friend of Abraham

Lincoln, is dead in his home in Irving-

ton, N. Y., aged 81 years. He gained a fortune from large lumber mills in

Civil war and worked actively to se-cure and equip volunteers, being a

Could Not Make Peace.

Africa, April 10 .- Sir Frederick Mit-

chell Hedgson, governor of the colony,

sends a dispatch from Kumassie an-

nouncing that his efforts to effect a

peaceful settlement of the difficulty between the British officials and the

Accra, Gold Coast Colony, West

nearly \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Wood was in Chicago during the

Fighting was resumed today.

British are holding their own well.

specilly as possible

PORCH CLIMBERS GET \$40,000.

Chicago Mansion of Orrin W. Potter Stripped of Valuables.

FAMILY WERE AT DINNER.

Burglars Entered Upstairs, and Nos body Heard Them-Amount Stov len Claimed as \$20,000.

[Early Dispatches.] Chleago, April 11 .- Some estimates place the amount the porch climbers secured at the home of Orrin W. Pot. ter, the multimillionalre and ex-president of the Illinois Steel Co., as high as \$40,000. The plunder, the most valuable secured by thieves in Chicago in years, consisted of diamonds, jewelry and silverware. The home of Mr. Potter is a great mansion at the corner of Burton Place and Lake Shore drive, It is supposed the thieves climbed up the marble pillars of the porch on the Burton Place side and forced open the balcony windows. The family were at dinner when the robbery was committed. They had no intimation of the

theft until Miss Potter went up stairs soon after dinner. She at once missed a fewel in her brooch and a hurried investigation soon showed that robbers had been at work. Miss Potter at once notified her father, and in fifteen minutes it was seen that the second floor of the house had been ransacked. It was found that more than \$20,000 worth of the second floor of the house had been ransacked. worth of jewelry was missing. The family decided not to make known their loss for a while, at least, or to notify the police, having the hope that the thieves might make a proposition to return the jewels for a ransom. Some of the jewels are of such design

and appearance that for the thieves to attempt to dispose of them in the ordinary way would only invite capture A diamond necklace belonging to Mrs Potter is the most valuable single arti-cle that was taken. Some marquise rings were also in the booty. At the residence the following state-

At the residence the following state-ment was made: "It was between 7 and 8 o'clock when the robbery oc-curred. All who were in the house at the time were at dinner and the ser-vants were busy in the kitchen and dining room. The burglars entered an upstairs window in front of the an upstairs window in front of the house. They scaled the porch and pried open the window without making enough noise to be heard below. They were in the house probably not more than fifteen minutes, but in that time they went through all the upstairs rooms. The manner in which they had gone through places where jowelry might be kept would indicate they wells accustomed to the work. There was no money in the house, but there was a large amount of jewelry. The amount taken is not above \$20,000."

This is the third big burglary within a week on the fashiorable Lake Shore

week on the fashiorable Lake Shore drive. The police are of the opinion that one gang has done all the work, and the character of the operations shows the members to be experts in their line. All efforts to get any clew to them have been fruitless, although the best detective ability has been centered on the cases. The police believe that the booty secured by the burglars is sipped to other cities and disposed of, for although the pawn shops in Chicago have been carefully watched. watched, none of the stolen property

SHOULD HIDE THEIR HEADS. Canadian's View - Says Americans

Are as Bad as English. New York, April 11 .- At the Social Reform club last night Arthur St. John,

who is now on his way to England from
Commander Alexander Sharp Jr. was
the Doukhobor settlement in Canada,
president, convened on board the ship
delivered an address upon the subject of on March I and examined the landsdelivered an address upon the subject of the colonists. He said in part: "The northern colony of Canada is pretty well settled, and the thirteen dis-

tricts know each other. In the Southern olony, which comprises three districts they do not know much about each other, and I am sorry to say they are not altogether friendly to one another. The colonists have enough flour to last them until June, but practically nothing else. The sick must shift for them-selves as they have no doctors. It has been said that the Doukhobors the hypocrites, but I confidently hold a different view. They have a saving grace in their remarkable sense of humor. They resemble the Irish in their ability to make light of a trying situation. It has been said that they are communists. That is true of the Doukhobors in exile, The Doukhobors were not communists, however, until they were forced to leave Russia. It remains to be seen whether their villages will be run on the communist idea or not. Some, I am sure,

After defining what he termed cfvill-zation, Mr. St. John said; "I am almost ashamed to speak to you upon that subject, as I feel that we Englishmen ought to hide our heads. But I am consoled by the fact that I

remember that you are quite as bad. FRICK WILL SELL OUT.

Wants to Dispose of His Sixteen Millions Holdings With Carnegie. New York, April 11 .- A special to the

Tribune from Pittsburg says:
"H. C. Frick will dispose of all his holdings-something over \$16,000,000-in the Carnegle company just as soon as he san," said a big stockholder of the Carnegie company. "He won what he contended for, and will not remain to hamper Mr. Carnegie or his partners." is said that Mr. Frick and President Schwab are not on pleagant terms, and this has done much toward keeping

Messrs. Frick and Carnegle apart.
Officials of the Carnegle company de-ny that there is any truth in the report that the company will take in the Cramps concern, either in part or in whole, or that any selling arrangement has been made whereby armor plates and structural material will be supplied the Cramps by the Carnegie com-pany. They say that if such a project is on it is locked up in the bosoms of Messrs Carnegie and Schwab.

Messrs Carnegie and Schwab,
A rumor is current that Mr. Frick will buy out the Cramps. No foundation can be found for it, however, Mr. Frick refusing to discuss any of his projects; besides, he is interested in the concern Mr. Morse of Wilmington promoted and the plant is under way near Philadelphia. It might be that it and the Cramps will consolidate but nothing of it can be learned here.

of it can be learned here. Political Excitement Killed Him.

New York, April 10.-At the Republican convention held at Amityville, L. I., today for the election of delegates to the State convention, there was a row, during which Former State Senator Richard Highle, the leading Republican of the east end of Long Island, became greatly excited. He was one of those elected delegates, and after the convenwith heart disease, dying in a few min-



BLOOD POISON.

In some cases the external signs of Contagious Blood Poison are so slight that the victim is firmly within the grasp of the monster before the true nature of the disease is known. In other cases the blood is quickly filled with this poisonous virus and the

is known. In other cases the blood is quickly affed with this poisonous virus and the swollen glands, mucus patches in the mouth, sores on scalp, ulcers on tengue, sore throat, eruptions on skin, copper colored splotches, and falling hair and cycbrows leave no room for doubt, as these are all unmistakable signs of Contagious Blood Poison.

Doctors still prescribe mercury and potash as the only cure for Blood Poison. These poisonous minerals never yet made a complete and permanent cure of Contagious Blood Poison. They drive the disease back into the system, cover it up for a while, but it breaks out again in worse form. These powerful minerals produce mercurial rheumatism and the most offensive sores and ulcers, causing the joints to stiffen and finger nails to drop off. Mercury and potash make wrecks, not oures, and those who have been dosed with these drugs are never after free from aches and pain.

S. S. S. acts in an entirely different manner, being a purely vegetable remedy; it forces the poison out of the system, and

S. S. S. acts in an entirely different manner, being a purely vegetable remedy; it forces the poisen out of the system, and instead of tearing down, builds up and invigorates the general health. S. S. S. is the only antidete for this specific virus, and therefore the only cure for Contagious Blood Poison. No matter in what stage or how hopeless the case may appear, even though pronounced incurable by the doctors, S. S. S. can be relied upon to make a rapid, permanent cure. S. S. S. is not a new, untried remedy; an experience of nearly fifty years has proven it a sure and unfailing cure for this disease. It is the only purely vegetable blood medicine known.



Mr. H. L. Hyers, toe Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I was afflicted with a terrible blood disease, which was in spots at first, but afterwards apread all over my body. These soon broke out into sores, and it is easy to imagine the suffering I endined Refere I became convinced that the doctors could do me no good I had spent a hundred dollars, which was really thrown away. I then tried various patent medicines, but they did not reach the disease. When I had finished my first bottle of S. S. S. I was greatly improved, and was delighted with the result. The large, red splotches on my chest began to grow pater and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I regained my lost weight, became stronger, and my appetite improved. I was seen entirely well, and my skin as clear as a piece of glass."

Send for our Home Treatment Book, which contains valuable information about this disease, with complete directions for self treatment. Our medical department is in charge of physicians who have made a life-time study of blood diseases. Don't hesitate to write for any information or advice wanted. ever for this. All correspondence is held in the most sacred confidence. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.

VALUED MODELS INJURED.

Officers of Cruiser Prairie Failed to Take Special Care.

That Which Suffered Most was the Model of the Olympia-Discovery of Damage.

New York, April 11 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: Rear Admiral Hichborn, chief naval constructor, has been informed that eleven valuable models of American warships were seriously injured during their transportation from New York to Havre on the converted cruiser Prairie. All the models shipped are valued at \$100,-200, and the officers of the Prairie were directed to take special precautions to prevent their injury.

The models, enclosed in glass cases, were packed in wooden boxes and were stowed by the seamen of the Prairie in her hold. Apparently there was imher hold. Apparently there was im-proper storage, for during the voyage the rolling and pitching of the ship caused them to shift, and the spring-ing of the wooden walls against the glass broke the latter, and besides scratching the models, cut their rigging and otherwise injured them.

The model which suffered the great-

est damage was that of the Olympia The models of the gunboat Bancroft the cruiser Columbia, the cruiser Charleston, now wrecked; the battle-ship Illinois; the gunboat Yorktown, the old Kearsarge, the cruiser Newark, the battleship Texas, the monitor Monterey, and the cruiser Baltimore were also damaged, the severity of their intuition before indicated by the order for furies being indicated by the order in which they are named.

xtent of the damage they had suffered was discovered immediately. Assistant Naval Constructor Gillmore, who had fortunately been ordered to Paris, exthe repairs necessary to put them in proper condition again. At one time it looked as though it would be neces-sary to send to this country to get workmen to make the necessary repairs, but the French government offered Mr. Gillmore the use of the French ship yard at Cherbourg, which was ac-

cepted.

The repairs will probably be of a temporary character. It is intended to Rear Admiral Hichborn when the mod-ols are returned to Washington, to have permanent repairs made at the Washington navy yard. Commander J. M. Hawley, of the

training ship Hartford, has sent a report to the navy department relative to the progress made by the landsmen under his command in educating themselves to be seamen. He reports that a board of officers, of which Lieut. men 179 of whom were reported as qualified for the rating of ordinary seamen. Their promotion leaves 109 lands-men still on board, and they will undergo an examination at Montevideo on May 10.

Want the Ferris Wheel.

Chicago, April 11 .- Capitalists of Berlin, through a Chicago firm, have made an offer to purchase the Ferris wheel. If the negotiations go through, the wheel, which was one of the features of the world's fair, will be shipped to Berlin. The wheel weighs 2,200 tons.

Will Not Try to Run Congress.

Washington, April 10 .- At the morning session of the Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church (south), an adverse report was submitted by the committee to which were referred resolutions introduced by Dr. Wilber Crafts, placing the conference on record as urging action on various matters before Congress and the country, including anti-polygamy and anti-canteen bills, and a reform in the divorce laws of the District of Columbia. The report was unanimous-

Perico Pipin Convicted.

New York, April 11 .- A dispatch to Herald from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, says: The trial of Perico Pipin, who recently

led a small uprising against the gov-ernment of Santo Domingo, has ended with the conviction of the prisoner. The trial was begun on March 5.
At its conclusion the governor of Santingo de Los Cabelleros ordered all

HAPPY FAMILY,

When They Got Rid of the Coffee Habit

A little woman out in Oswego, Ills., tells about her husband having deter-mined to see if he could not make her quit coffee drinking, which he believed to be the cause of her constant nauralgia and general nervousness, brought home several packages of Postum Food Coffee which he had discovered, by try-ing elsewhere, to be good. She says: "What in the world he

brought home five packages for, I could not understand; nevertheless I quit cof. fee and started in on Postum Food Cof-fee. I did not have much faith in the change doing me any good, but was as-tonished to discover that my neuralgia left me almost at once, and the ner-vous troubles kept getting less and less.

"Little daughter at that time had been ill and could eat little or nothing. She was pale and thin. As soon as a discovered how Postum treated me, a began to give it to her. She liked it very much, and would drink it when she would take nothing else. She began to pick in vanidy and so blues.

gan to pick up rapidly and got plump and round and rosy. "I don't care what sort of food there "I don't care what sort of food there is in Postum so long as it treats me as it has. It is plain enough the food contained in Postum Coffee is good, and that's all we want to know. I am rid of neuralgia and nervousness, and am a healthy woman. Husband has also been improved, and daughter is well and happy, as I stated above." With best wishes, Mrs. Nellie Treman.

Plumbers' association, is to be the chief superintendent, foreman and general overseer. The action of the masters is taken as an indication of a determination to fight to the bitter end. The isulding trades council union has turned the lockout at the Merchants' Loan and Trust building into a strike, and last night there was not a union man left on the job.

to prevent a demonstration. Pipin was sentenced to twenty years' imprison-ment and to pay a fine of \$30,000 in gold A warship has taken him to the capital lie will ask for an appeal.

That Nicaraguan Expedition. New York, April 11.-A dispatch to he Herald from Kingston, Jamaica,

ays: Your correspondent has interviewed

persons arriving on a packet from Col-on regarding the military expedition, which, it is reported, landed on Colom-bian soil on March 31. They say that the expedition started from some Cen-tral American port and went ashore near David, a town in a borderland territory claimed by both Costa Rica and The report says that the expedition

marched inland toward David, which it is believed was taken without much resistance, as the garrison there con-sisted of only fifty men. The expedition started under General

Herrera. It is composed of 200 men. It has a x small mountain guns, five hundred extra rifles and considerable am-

The United States cruiser Philadel-phia sighted the vessel which carried the expedition to Colombia off the Nic-araguan coast and followed the craft to Funta Arenas.

Tobacco Swindle.

San Francisco, April 11 .- Five hundred pounds of plug cut tobacco have been seized in various local stores by internal revenue agents, because the This tobacco, manufactured by a St. Louis firm has been put up in packages weighing from an ounce and three quarters to two ounces and the packages had been uniformly stamped as

weighing an ounce and two-thirds.
Collector Thomas, who made the fiscovery of this revenue law violation, says that the fraud has evidently been says that the fraud has evidently been carried on very extensively, and he estimated that the cost to the government has been fully \$50,000 a year. A general search for under-stamped packates has been begun, and all tobacco found to exceed the weight indicated by the stamps will be confiscated.

HE STOLE GOLD.

Assayer at the Mint Takes \$15 to \$20 a Week.

San Francisco, April 11 .- B. C. Bergin, an assayer in the branch mint of the United States in this city, has been arrested on suspicion of having stolen small amounts of gold daily for months past. When taken into custody \$10 worth of gold clippings was found on his person. He is said to have virtually admitted his guilt to the detectives. His father, an attorney of Oakland, suffered a severe attack of heart failure when told of his son's arrest.

Supertintendent Leach says he thinks that from \$15 to \$20 a week has been stolen from the mint for some time.

SKIPPED TILL SHE DIED. Contest Among Little Folks Causes Sad Fatality.

Chicago, April 11.—A special to the Chronicle from Belleville, Ill., says: A skipping rope contest has caused the death of 11-year-old Freda Poignee

and occasioned the serious illness of two other children, There was great rivalry among the

There was great rivalry among the three children and others of the school they attended as to who could jump the rope the most. One little girl established a record of 150 times without rest and her companions attempted to beat this record. This feat excited Freda, who had been the champion up to that time, and when she entered the ring to beat the record of the new comer quite a crowd gathered and apthe ring to beat the record of the new comer quite a crowd gathered and applicated her efforts. With flushed face and flashing eyes she passed the 150 mark and kept right on till 230 jumps had been made, when she staggered from the ring and was led home dizzy by her companions. She became ill and died yesterday. The attending physician said the cause of death was heart disease caused by too violent

Circulating Library in Manila.

New York, April 11.—The movement begun by the wife of Chief Surgeon Greenleaf, United States navy of the department of the Pacific, to establish a circulating library in Manila for the benefit of the soldiers, has been most successful. Major Putnam Bradley Stream who has been the soldiers. Strong, who has heartly co-operated in the movement, and who is an officer of the International Express Company,

The undertaking has been a remarkable success, and the American soldiers in the Philippines are receiving an abundance of entertaining reading matter. By an arrangement with our company each out-going ship agrees to carry, free of charge, two tons of readng matter in the form of books, magazines and papers. Last Saturday we had more than four tons of such ma-terial and, rather than hold the additional two tons here, our company paid the freight charges on the extra matter We still have several large cases to ship."

Master Plumbers on the Fight.

Chicago, April 11.-Twelve master plumbers, whose aggregate wealth is counted in the millions, will begin handling tongs, running lead pipe and wip log joints in the new Merchants' Los and Trust building this morning. Th are members of the Master Plumbe association and were among thirty forty who last night volunteered to into the building and help out the fi which has the centract the plumbing work. Thurs day eight other conrectory will join the force which will go to work today, and it is said that twenty will be all the workmen that will be

M. J. Carboy, president of the Master Plumbers' association, is to be the chief superintendent, foreman and general overseer. The action of the masters is taken as an indication of a determina-

WINTER WHEAT IS HIGH.

Good Showing in Agricultural Department Statistics This Year.

Condition of Live Stock is Excellent Also-Figures of Interest to Stocks.

men and Farmers.

Washington, April 10 .- The April report of the statistician of the department of agriculture will show the average condition of winter wheat on April 1st to have been \$2.1 against 77.9 on April 1st, 1899, 86.7 on April 1st, 1898. and a ten year average of \$2.8. While the ravages of the hessian fly in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana wil probably result in not one of these three States producing more than a half crop, an exceptionally high condition is reported from the winter wheat States west of the Mississippi river and from the Pa-

cific coast. The principal averages are:

Pennsylvania, 72; Ohio, 47; Michigan, 57; Indiana, 51; Illinois, 88; Missouri, 91; Kansus, 99; Texas, 191; Oklahoma, 99; Washington, 106; Oregon, 160; and Call-

The average condition of winter rye is 84.8 against 84.9 on April 1st, 1899; 92.1 on April 1st, 1898, and a ten years' average of 89.1. The percentage of mortality among

farm animals during the year ending March 31, 1900, was not only below that of last year, but was also below the ten and fifteen year averages. Of horses 1.8 per cent are reported as having died from disease against 2.3 per cent the preceding year, and a ten year average of 1.9 per cent. Of cattle, a mortality of 1.1 from winter exposure and of 2.0 per cent from disease is record. of 2.0 per cent from diseases is reported against 2.2 per cent from exposure and 2.02 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 1.6 per cent from ex-posure and 1.8 per cent from disease as

the ten year averages.

Of sheep the deaths from exposure amounted to 1.8 per cent, and those from disease to 2 per cent against 3.5 per cent from exposure and 2.1 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent and 2.7 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent and 2.7 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent and 2.7 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent and 2.7 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent and 2.7 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent from disease the preceding year, and 2.6 per cent from disease as the first from dis

per cent and 2.3 per cent the respective ten year averages. by the department, the rate of mortality for the country at large cannot be determined. In the seventeen principal States, twelve report a mortality below that of last year. In Texas, the rate is unchanged, and only in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas is it

even slightly higher than in 1898-99.
Only in five States containing an aggregate of less than one million head of swine is the mortality reported above the ten year average.

As regards condition on April 1st, horses are reported at 97, cattle, 97.2, and sheep at 99.9, as compared with 94.4, 92.5 and 32.4, respectively, on April 1st,

WESTERN STOCK GROWERS.

Organization in Denver-Resolutions on Leasing and Ceding Arid Lands.

Denver, April 10.-The Western Range Stock Growers' association, to include as members the various local associations, was organized today at the convention of Colorado Stock Growers, who adopted resolutions yesterday in opposition to the leasing of the ranges to cat. tle companies, and the cession of arid lands to the States.

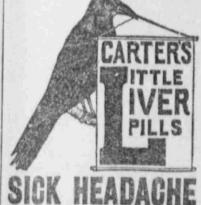
A committee consisting of one member from each county association in Colorado was appointed and was instructed to convene within thirty days and elect officers for the new association and perfect the organization.

The convention listened to an address by Col. John P. Irish of California, who ndvocated leasing of public lands for grazing purposes but opposed the cession of the lands of the States. The convention then adjourned.

Arrested a Millionaire.

New York, April 10.-George W. Huff, of Arlzona, who is said to be a million-nire and fermer speaker of the Arlzona legislature, was arrested in this city to-day at the request of the attorney gen-eral of Rhode Island.

lice court, when he was arraigned, he is wanted in Rhode Island to answer to a charge of perjury, alleged to have been committed by him in a suit brought before the appellate division of the supreme court of that State for divorce from his wife. Margaret J. Hull-Hull was remanded without bail.



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